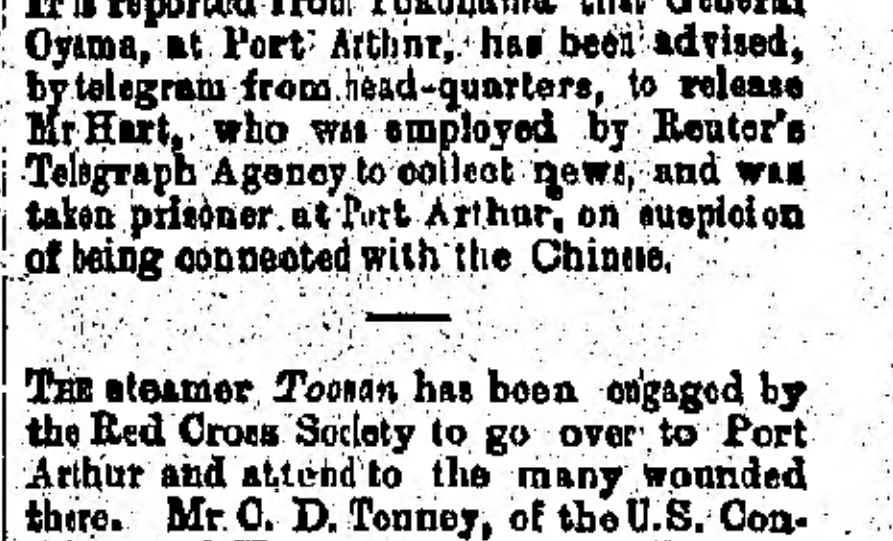






THE Chinese Football team at Singapore

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sults, and Hon. Secretary to the Society, has gone with them to act as interpreter. Mr. Thompson, the London Times correspondent, I am told, accompanies them.

A TIENTSIN correspondent writes as follows to the *Shanghai Mercury*:—I learn on good authority that the Chinese have captured a few of the POWs who are being held in the city here as a prisoner of war. He is expected to arrive here to-night or to-morrow morning. He is represented as having four stripes on his arm, so I presume he is an officer who had probably been out with a few soldiers reconnoitering and got too far from his column, and being overtaken that there were no enemy about, he was captured. It is to be hoped that he will be accepted as a prisoner of war, and according to his station in the army.

I once respect the Japanese deserve the greatest praise. They claim to be a civilized and moral race, their treatment of the prisoners that have fallen into their hands, they are justifying that claim. Further, so far as one can judge from the

reports, their treatment of the Koreans has been in its humanity in marked contrast to what one might expect from an Asiatic power. The indiscriminate slaughter that characterized previous invasions of the

“The Korean prejudices towards the race that is comparatively absent. We are told that even that capital is not rickety, full market value being paid for everything. If this is true, nothing will tend so much to reconcile the Koreans to the change of yoke. —Rangoon Gazette.

thing which could not actually be seen. 'Picture,' said the preacher, 'the blind telling us that the things around us with which we were familiar were not in exis-

hence, because the blind themselves could not see them ! The preacher had uttered the words, "there are things around us which we cannot see"—when out went the electric light, leaving the place in utter darkness as there came from the preacher's lips the comforting—"although we are sure they are there."

was met by Tchong-Tchang, the Secretary of the Paris Legation. His Excellency's luggage contained a gigantic embroidered flag of yellow silk, which was at once

nosed over his hotel door, and, as his stay may be somewhat prolonged, his own cook is among his suite. The whole party has now proceeded to Herathal and Liege, where they are credited, states *The World*, with the intention of giving an order for rifles and other weapons, large enough to keep the Belgian gun-makers at work night and day for months to come. Nearly two hundred thousand rifles of the latest pattern but one have already changed hands.

THE arrangements for the issue of the Chinese Imperial Government Loan, 1894, regarding which rumours of various kinds

have so long been current, are now nearly completed, the Times says. The issue will be made in silver for 10,000,000 tals, which, at 8s. per tal, would be equal to 1,635,000*l*. The rate of interest will be 7 per cent., and the issue price will probably be a little under par, but this detail is not yet absolutely settled. In any case, allottees will get as nearly as may be 7 per cent. interest on their money. The loan is to run for twenty years, and will be redeemed by annual drawings to commence in November 1904. The sinking fund interest

principal and interest are secured by charges on the Customs duties of the Treaty Ports. The Customs revenue for 1893 was 3,646,350*l.*, and the only charge on it at present is the annual service of the outstanding

ing loans, which amount in all to no more than \$83,857. The new loan is therefore well secured. Its weak point in the eyes of many will, no doubt, be that it is payable in silver, but, as our readers are aware, the late authorities are of opinion that silver is not likely to fall materially below its present level. The risks arising out of the possible results of the war, which cannot, of course, be ignored altogether, seem hardly serious enough to alarm those who are for a well-secured stock of this claim, though the rate of interest offered will tell all sensible people that there is some risk.

but after 'wee dinners' golfing songs are in much request, and as novelty in words rather than music is the desideratum, the following ditty, quoted in the *Asian*, may be

found interesting.

AIR—'Comin' Thro' the Eye.'

I.

Gin a gowder, divin' madly,  
Ding the ba' is tra;  
His cadgie grin an' chuckles glibly,  
That's oae guld a' i'!

Like laddie has his faddie  
Bent stance, grip, swing, an' a',  
But dail a' bawbie worth aye the,   
Gin ye foudle verry ba'.

II.

Gin the bramie bang the grouse  
Far aboot the ba',  
The gowder fashd, an' sair abashed,

I let a sweeter words frae my fa'-  
 Ower muckle toddy gars a body  
 Awa' whiles an' away;  
 I see the caddie, honest laddie,

'Winth the ober eye,'  
 III.  
 Gin your partner playin' vilsly,  
 Throw the match awa',  
 Curse not, but pay the Powers about  
 His silly neck to throw,  
 An' tak' an' drive 'em swift an' sure,  
 For this territorial  
 Where, may be, purer sport is played,  
 Or may be, plas an' d'.







